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MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

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On September 28 [redacted] discussed with us Mr. Bissell's proposal that consideration be given to combining the functions of the present OCR Cable Desk with those of the Cable Secretariat. Mr. Bissell's idea was that by so combining the two functions, the dissemination of non-CIA cables handled by the OCR Cable Branch would be handled by the Cable Secretariat under the same standards and time limitations as CIA cables. 25

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In discussing with [redacted] this proposal, it was agreed that the best approach to get the matter to be considered was to approach [redacted] in order that he would be aware of any possible addition to Cable Secretariat strength and that following this approach the matter be referred to Management Staff for study. It is further agreed that emphasis should be placed on improved service and if it is possible, an estimate of any possible savings in bodies. It was also considered, however that there might be some savings in bodies to be determined after the two units were combined if otherwise the combining was considered to be feasible.

On 6 October Mr. [redacted] called me to say that he was in receipt of Mr. Bissell's proposal and that it struck him as being a good idea. He was going to put the proposal in Mr. White's hands for study by Management Staff.

I told Mr. [] as I did [] that I would be receptive to any recommendation made by Management Staff if it was to ~~any~~ benefit of the Agency as a whole, but that I was not particularly interested in acquiring this particular function because of the nature of the cables concerned and the diverse requirements governing their dissemination. []

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